



SUBJECT ADMINISTRATION	POLICY # 1.0
TITLE GUIDELINES FOR POLICY DECISIONS	APPROVED JULY 2025

PROCEDURE

South Colchester Minor Hockey Association (SCMHA) is committed to ensuring fair, transparent, and consistent decision-making in alignment with Hockey Nova Scotia (HNS) regulations and best practices. The following guiding principles will be used by the Board of Directors when addressing issues not explicitly covered by existing policies:

Guiding Principles

Player-Centered Decision-Making: The well-being and development of players are the priority in all decisions, provided they do not negatively impact the broader division or team structure.

Inclusivity & Accessibility: Programs and opportunities will be structured to support the participation and development of as many players as possible.

Transparency & Accountability: All decisions will be made in accordance with the Association's values and Hockey Nova Scotia's policies, ensuring fairness and openness in the process.

Equity & Fair Play: Decisions shall not discriminate against any Association members and will be made with fairness and consistency.

Adaptability & Responsiveness: The needs of the collective membership will be balanced with individual requests, recognizing that exceptions may be necessary in specific circumstances.

Request Process

- All requests from members must be submitted in writing to a Board member for review and consideration.
- Requests will be evaluated based on the following key considerations:
 - Is the request reasonable and in the best interest of the player(s) and the Association?
 - Who is affected by the decision, and what are the potential positive or negative impacts?
 - Does the request comply with Hockey Nova Scotia rules and regulations?
 - Does the request require an amendment to SCMHA policies and procedures, or is it an exception?



All decisions will be documented and communicated in a timely manner to ensure transparency and consistency with SCMHA and HNS governance.

Eligibility in South Colchester Minor Hockey

Membership in the South Colchester Minor Hockey Association (SCMHA) is determined in accordance with the SCMHA Memorandum of Association, By-Laws, and Hockey Nova Scotia regulations.

Voting Members

The following individuals are considered voting members of SCMHA:

- Parents or Guardians of registered players on teams operating under SCMHA, provided they have met all registration requirements, including full payment of fees, and have no outstanding balances. Each parent or guardian in good standing is entitled to one vote per person at any members' meeting.
- Board of Directors members, elected or appointed officials, and coaches of teams registered within SCMHA.

Non-Voting Members

- Any individuals holding paid positions within SCMHA serve as non-voting members of the Board.

All members are expected to adhere to the policies and guidelines set by SCMHA and Hockey Nova Scotia to maintain good standing within the Association.